

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

RECOGNIZING Paula Boggs Muething as a 2025 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for Paula Boggs Muething's decades of distinguished public service, her dedication to uplifting others, and her enduring contributions to the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Paula Boggs Muething grew up in Kentucky and spent meaningful time with her maternal relatives in Tokyo, Japan, later earning a Bachelor of Science in journalism and a Bachelor of Arts in political science; and

WHEREAS, Paula Boggs Muething continued her education at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she was a Human Rights Fellow and served on the Editorial Board for the Law Review, and later studied Community Land Reform Initiatives at the Harvard Kennedy School of Executive Education; and

WHEREAS, Paula Boggs Muething began her legal career as a judicial clerk for Kentucky Supreme Court Justice James Keller, then practiced as a litigation associate at Keating Muething & Klekamp before joining the City as a Senior Assistant City Solicitor; and

WHEREAS, Paula Boggs Muething later served as the Vice President of Community Revitalization and General Counsel for the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, where she led numerous successful redevelopment efforts, including the REACH program; and

WHEREAS, Paula Boggs Muething returned to City service in 2014 as the City Solicitor, acting as the City's chief legal officer and vigorously defending the City's interests while achieving critical results; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Paula Boggs Muething was appointed to be the City Manager of Cincinnati, becoming the first Asian American Pacific Islander to serve in the role, and during her tenure as City Manager, she led the City through the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic with a commitment to equity, stability, and inclusive investment across all Cincinnati communities; and

WHEREAS, Paula Boggs Muething now serves as the Chief Legal and Administrative Officer and the Chief Business Officer for Fussball Club Cincinnati ("FCC"), where her leadership has contributed to the organization's success both on and off the pitch; and

WHEREAS, Paula Boggs Muething maintains strong ties to her heritage by regularly traveling to Japan, maintaining a close relationship with her Japanese family members, and sharing the richness of Japanese culture by celebrating traditional holidays and sharing food with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Paula Boggs Muething's lifetime commitment to serving her community is reflected in her career of public service and her volunteer service with organizations such as the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation, Artworks, Main Street Ventures, the University of Cincinnati Dean's Advisory Board, and the American Bar Association; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Paula Boggs Muething as a 2025 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month honoree for her decades of distinguished public service, her dedication to uplifting others, and her enduring contributions to the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Paula Boggs Muething through the Office of the Mayor.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval